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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 15, 2002, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

A marked-up version of the rewritten claims, showing insertions, is included in Appendix

A. A clean set of the amended claims is attached as Appendix B.

Please cancel claims 8-26.

Please add the following claims:

27. (New) A plastic blow-molded barrel comprising:

a barrel body having a top surface, a bottom surface, and four substantially identically shaped, convex side surfaces, each side surface connected to two adjacent side surfaces at rounded corners, the bottom surface and four side surfaces having a unitary construction; and

a horizontal stiffening element that is formed as an indentation, located between said top surface and bottom surface, and runs along a circumference of the barrel body,

wherein the convex side surfaces and the rounded corners impart an approximately square-shaped cross-section to the barrel body.

28. (New) The plastic blow-molded barrel according to claim 27, wherein the top surface, bottom surface, and four side surfaces have a unitary construction.